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FOR ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR GHANDWERGER

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES DADA JUNE 7 TO FOLLOW UP FISHERIES PROPOSAL. DAD REITERATED INTEREST IN PEACE CORPS PROPOSAL AND EXPLAINED REASON FOR NOT WANTING CLEMENS AND MEZAINIS TO COME IN EARLY JUNE WAS THAT DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES HOSTED FISHERIES SURVEY TEAMS FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND FAO IN MAY AND EARLY JUNE. ARRIVAL OF THIRD STUDY GROUP SO SOON WOULD HAVE OVERTAXED STATE OFFICIALS WHO HAD TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM. DADA ADDED THAT HE WILL BE AWAY IN SECOND HALF OF JUNE, RULING OUT THAT PERIOD, BUT THOUGHT SECOND WEEK OF JULY WOULD BE GOOD TIME. HE ASKED IF CLEMENS AND MEZAINIS COULD CONFIRM WHETHER THEY CAN COME AT THAT TIME. IF ANSWER POSITIVE, HE WILL COMMUNICATE WITH STATE OFFICIALS AND ORGANIZE FIELD PROGRAM.

2. THROUGHOUT MEETING DADA EXPRESSED POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD CLEMENS/MEZAINIS VISIT, AND WE NOW HAVE GREEN LIGHT. ON SUBJECT OF POLITICAL ATTITUDE IN NIGERIA TOWARD PEACE CORPS ROLE, DADA APPEARED RELAXED, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW IF
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THAT MIGHT CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS, BUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT LOOKED AT THE PROPOSAL FAVORABLY FROM THE TECHNICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL POINTS OF VIEW AND WOULD LEAVE THE FINAL SHAPE OF ANY BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO OTHER AUTHORITIES.

3. POUCHING COPY OF PRESS RELEASE ON YUGOSLAV FISHERIES STUDY TEAM WHICH RECEIVED AFTER REFTELS B AND C SENT.

INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT FOLLOWING SURVEY, YUGOSLAVS ARE ALREADY PREPARING PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LARGE SCALE FISH FARM PROJECTS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN COLLABORATION WITH NECCO, A JOINT NIGERIAN-YUGOELAV CONSTRUCTION FIRM WHICH PRESENTLY COMPLETING NEW FEDERAL SECRETARIAT OFFICE BUILDING. FMG WILL PRESUMABLY WELCOME NIGERIAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION TO DEVELOP FISH FARMING, BUT MAY INDICATE PREFERENCE FOR STRUCTURING IT ALONG COMMERCIAL LINES LIKE YUGOSLAV UNDERTAKING.

4. DADA WILL HAVE SPECIAL INTEREST IN SEEING MEZAINIS IN LATTER'S CAPACITY AS COORDINATOR OF INTERNATIONAL ACQUACULTURE PROGRAMS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS AT AUBURN BECAUSE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES HAS BEEN TRYING TO ENROLL ONE OF ITS TOP YOUNG FISHERIES OFFICERS, MR. O.J. OMOLOYIN, IN MASTERS PROGRAM AT AUBURN. OMOLOYIN APPARENTLY HAD NOT TAKEN GRADUATE RECORD EXAM WHEN HE SUBMITTED APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO AUBURN IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AND NOW WISHES TO KNOW IF HE COULD OBTAIN ADMISSION ON TENTATIVE BASIS SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF GRE IN U.S. IN NOVEMBER. DADA SAYS OMOLOYIN HAS GOOD RECORD FROM UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN AND IS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM GAIN ADMISSION. EMBOFF SUGGESTED TO DADA THAT BEST WAY OF FIGURING OUT WHETHER AUBURN COULD MAKE ANY EXCEPTIONS TO NORMAL ADMISSION PRACTICE WOULD BE FOR DADA TO GIVE CLEMENS/MEZAINIS APPROAL TO COME TO LAGOS TO MAKE FISHERIES SURVEY SO THAT MEZAINIS COULD WORK CLOSELY WITH OMOLOYIN AND JUDGE WHETHER OMOLOYIN APPEARED SUFFICIENTLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE HIM A GOOD RISK FOR TENTATIVE ADMISSION PRIOR TO COMPLETING GRE.
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